

ASKS THE SENATE TO EXTEND LIMIT

Another Year Needed for
Potomac Bridge.

PROVIDENCE APPROPRIATION

Amendment Offered by Senator Stewart
Ordered Printed and Referred to Committees.

An extension of time for the completion of the new highway bridge over the Potomac River has been requested by Secretary of War Taft, who has sent an official communication to Congress on the subject.

This was laid before the Senate this afternoon by President pro tem. Frye. Secretary Taft renews the suggestion of Lieut. Col. A. M. Miller, U. S. A., in charge of river improvements, that the time for the completion of the bridge be extended from February 12, 1905, to the same date in 1906. The communication was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Providence Hospital.

Senator Stewart's intended amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, to appropriate \$130,000 for Providence Hospital improvements made in excess of the appropriations heretofore made, was today ordered printed as a Senate document, and referred to the Senate District Committee.

A bill to increase the efficiency of the Ordnance Department, U. S. A., was introduced by Mr. Proctor and referred to the Military Affairs Committee.

Amendments intended for the sundry civil appropriation bill were introduced in the Senate this afternoon as follows:

By Mr. Martin: To appropriate \$25,000 to complete the sea wall to protect Jamestown Island, Va., from the encroachments of James River and \$2,500 for completing the public building at Alexandria, Va.

By Mr. Quarles: Providing for a collection by the Census Office of statistics of births and deaths.

For the Military Academy bill, intended amendment by Mr. Warren, to increase the pay of the post chaplain from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

For the Postoffice appropriation bill, intended amendment by Mr. Burrows, to admit to second-class mail rates all monthly fraternal publications not deposited for local delivery by carrier.

To Make Panama Pay.

The Colon fire claims of 1888 are made the subject of a resolution introduced in the Senate this afternoon by Mr. Hoar. After reciting the history of these claims, the resolution declares it to be the sense of the Senate that the President of the United States should negotiate with the Republic of Panama to adjust and settle the amount of Panama's liability for the Colon losses and injuries and for "a corresponding release of Colombia, if whole or in part, as may be agreed upon by the two parties concerned." The resolution was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

A change of site for the United States Naval Hospital is provided for in a bill introduced by Mr. Clapp, and referred to the Senate District Committee. It is to repeal the provision in the naval bill which designates the grounds now occupied by the United States Naval Museum of Hygiene.

Speaker Cannon's House bill to incorporate the Carnegie Institution of Washington, was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Frye, and referred to the District Committee.

A bill to pay \$25 to First Lieut. Robert G. Rutherford, Jr., U. S. A., for counsel fees incurred by the government in a court proceeding at San Jose, Philippine Islands, on October 4, 1902, was introduced by Mr. Hoar, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

DOORKEEPER THARIN

RETURNS TO DUTY

Charles Tharin, doorkeeper of the President's office, who has been sick for some days, returned to duty today. E. W. Smith, one of the operators of the White House force, has also resumed work after an illness of four weeks.

WILL SWAP REBATES

ON COFFEE AND WINE

MADRID, March 21.—The American minister has informed the government that America will rebate the duties on Spanish wines if the tariff on Porto Rican coffee imported by Spain are reduced.

The proposal is likely to be accepted.

PRESIDENT TO ENTERTAIN

CANAL COMMISSIONERS

President Roosevelt will entertain the members of the Isthmian Canal Commission at lunch Tuesday afternoon. The commissioners will assemble at the White House at 1 o'clock.

COUNT MUTSU ABLE

TO LEAVE HOSPITAL

Count Mutsu, former first secretary of the Japanese legation who was operated on for appendicitis some time ago, was well enough today to leave Providence Hospital.

Count Mutsu is preparing to depart for Japan, where he will endeavor to recover his health completely. He will probably be attached to the Japanese legation in London.

COL. BINGHAM'S INJURIES

WORSE THAN REPORTED

Col. Theodore Bingham, who was formerly Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds of the District, and who was recently injured at Buffalo, sustained much graver injuries than is generally known, according to a letter that has reached the White House.

Colonel Bingham will go to London, where the left leg shortened several inches.

OIL LAMP EXPLODES.

The explosion of a coal oil lamp set fire to one of Mary Lyman's rooms on the third floor of 214 John Marshall Place northwest, about 9 o'clock last night. The damage was slight, but Herman Herbert, who endeavored to extinguish the flames, was painfully burned.

FORFEITED HIS COLLATERAL.

Vincent P. Walsh, son of Thomas P. Walsh, the Colorado mining king, forfeited \$20 collateral in the Police Court today for running his automobile down Florida Avenue at a rate of speed forbidden by law.

"Tommy Atkins" Plays Havoc in Natal Town

Battalion of Welsh Regiment Openly Mutinies, and Wild Scenes of Rioting Follow in Streets of Howick.

LONDON, March 21.—

A dispatch to the "Express" from Johannesburg says that a battalion of the Welsh Regiment, numbering 600 men, was in open mutiny at Howick, Natal. The battalion was on the way from Pretoria to Durban for embarkation.

The officers had tried vainly to maintain discipline, but the men got entirely out of hand. They carried their arms into Howick, raided drinking bars and stores, and drove the townfolk before them.

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PLAN TO MAKE STATE

OF INDIAN TERRITORY

House Subcommittee Looks Ahead to Action of Next Congress—No Taxable Real Estate Save in Towns.

A subcommittee of the House

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